



# Bluffton Police Department

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Bluffton Town Manager Anthony Barrett Swears –In Police Chief Joey Reynolds to the Executive Board of the F.B.I. National Academy Associates, Inc.

Reynolds Will Be President of the Prestigious Program in 2017

Bluffton Police Chief Joey Reynolds was recently sworn in as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President to the F.B.I. National Academy Associates, Inc. (FBINAA) in Orlando at the organization's Annual Training Conference.

The FBINAA is a non-profit organization of nearly 18,000 members, all of whom are graduates of the F.B.I. National Academy. The organization is dedicated to the highest degree of law enforcement expertise, training, education and information.

Reynolds, who has been active with the organization since he graduated in March 1996, is now slated to be President of the organization in 2017. Reynolds will preside over the Annual Training Conference which will be held in Washington, D.C.

The last time a South Carolinian was the President of the FBINAA was in 1981.

"This organization has been a guidepost in my career; the opportunities to train and network with the world's top law enforcement officers enhance the standards of everyone associated with the program," Chief Joey Reynolds said. "I am honored to be able to pass that training on to the officers in Bluffton and in the region."

Reynolds has served as Secretary, Treasurer and Past President of the FBINAA's North Carolina Chapter. In 2009, the members of the international organization elected him to the FBINAA Executive Board as a Section III Representative. Section III consists of the following states: Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Latin American/Caribbean, Maryland, Delaware, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Reynolds has served for four years as a Section III Representative.

Bluffton Town Manager Anthony Barrett traveled to Orlando to swear-in Chief Reynolds.



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Bluffton Town Manager Anthony Barrett swearing in Chief Reynolds

“It was a personal and professional privilege for me to swear-in Chief Reynolds as third Vice President of this highly regarded association. The Town of Bluffton already has greatly benefited from his membership. This is a high honor for the Chief and his position also brings credit to the Bluffton Police Department.”

Mayor Lisa Sulka said when any representative of Bluffton aspires to excellence in his or her field, it raises the professional standards of the Town and ultimately the services we provide our residents and guests.

“We are proud of Chief Reynolds and his accomplishments with FBINAA; his personal and professional standards enhance the Bluffton Police Department and we couldn’t be happier that he has a platform to introduce Bluffton to the best officers in the nation and in the world,” Sulka said.

As 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Reynolds will attend meetings and training conferences within the region known as Section III and act as a liaison with the organization. Reynolds will also perform the duties of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in their absence or as assigned.

#### About The F.B.I National Academy & FBINAA:

Each member of the FBINAA is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy. The Academy offers domestic and internationally-based senior law enforcement officers a 10-week course in Quantico, Virginia covering topics geared to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and worldwide cooperation.

The course, offered four times a year, is offered to senior law enforcement officers by invitation only, after a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from more than 150 international partner nations.

Each class has approximately 250 officers who take undergraduate and/or graduate college courses in the following areas: law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, leadership development, communication and health/fitness.

The networking and professional development dialogues are among the most cherished part of the course as officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training as they form lifelong partnerships and alliances which guide and support the officers and their law enforcement agencies.



Chief Joey Reynolds with F.B.I. Director Robert Mueller